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**SUPPORT THE UNINTERRUPTED SCHOLARS ACT**

The Uninterrupted Scholars Act (H.R. 5871 and S. 3472) has been introduced, which amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to provide child welfare agencies access to the school records of foster youth under their supervision.

This legislation would allow child welfare agencies, juvenile probation agencies, and social workers to obtain the school records of children who are under their care, monitor a child's attendance and educational progress and to intervene on his or her behalf. Both the House and Senate bills are bipartisan bills. H.R. 5871, which was introduced by Representative Karen Bass (D-CA) on behalf of the bipartisan Congressional Caucus on Foster Care, has 14 co-sponsors, including Representatives Michele Bachmann (R-MN), Thomas Marino (R-PA), Todd Young (R-IN), and Adam Schiff (D-CA). S. 3472, introduced by Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA), has six co-sponsors, including Senators Roy Blunt (R-MO), Charles Grassley (R-IA), and Barbara Boxer (D-CA).

There is existing Board policy that supports legislative proposals to clarify and provide our County Children's Social Workers with access to dependent children's counseling and education records. Furthermore, the Countywide Youth Self-Sufficiency Initiative includes improved educational outcomes as one of its four goals to ensure successful transitions to adulthood. Enactment of the Uninterrupted Scholars Act or similar federal legislation to amend FERPA would support Los Angeles County's efforts to ensure productive futures of youth under our supervision.

**I THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the County's Congressional delegation in support of H.R. 5871 and

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S. 3472, or similar legislation which would specifically amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act to provide child welfare and juvenile probation agencies with access to the school records of children under their supervision.

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